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Taken from Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology, Chapter 43: Union With Christ

Union with Christ

What does it mean to be "in Christ" or "united with Christ"?

Grudem: Union with Christ is a phrase used to summarize several different relationships between believers and Christ, through which Christians receive every _____ of salvation. These relationships include . . . we are in Christ, Christ is in us, we are like Christ, and we are with Christ.

A. We Are ____ Christ

1. Before the _____ of the World (**Ephesians 3:1–12; 2 Timothy 1:8–9**)
2. During _____ Life on Earth (**John 17:20–23**)
3. During Our _____ Now (**Philippians 4:10–13; 1 John 5:11**)
 - a. We Have Died and Been Raised with Christ (**Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:24**)
 - b. We Have New Life in Christ (**1 John 5:11**)
 - c. All Our Actions Can Be Done in Christ (**2 Corinthians 12:19; Philippians 4:13**)
 - d. All Christians Together Are One Body in Christ (**Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27**)

B. Christ Is in ____ (John 15:4-8)**C. We Are _____ Christ**

1. We Are to _____ Him (**Ephesians 5:1-2**)

a. _____ (**1 John 2:3-6**)

b. _____ (**Philippians 2:4-7**)

c. _____ (**Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4; John 17**)

d. _____ (**John 5:30**)

2. We _____ Like Him (**1 John 4:17; Romans 8:29; Philippians 1:3-6**)

D. We Are _____ Christ (Philippians 1:21-23)

1. Personal Fellowship with Christ (**Matthew 11:29; 1 John 1:1-3**)

Christ actually desires to have us with Him (**John 17:24-26**)

2. Union with the Father and with the Holy Spirit (**John 17:21; Matthew 6:9**)

Scripture Memory Passage

Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.